

Minutes of the 258th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at 7pm.

Present: Parish Councillors A. Liddle (Chair), B. Neale, C. Dean, A. Conroy, D. Coupe, A. Cooper, R. Dennison. Clerk the Council - J. Holmes.
Member of the public – Dr. Ronan O’Kennedy

49/21. Apologies for absence/Declarations of Interest. None

50/21. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council – Dr. Ronan O’Kennedy, local resident and member of the K.G.G. Pollution Sub Committee. – see item 56/21 Environment

51/21. The **Minutes of the 256th meeting held on Tuesday 13 April 2021** were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

52/21. The **Minutes of the 257th meeting held on Thursday 29 April 2021** were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

53/21. The Minutes of the 35th Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 6 May 2021 were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair,

54/21. Matters arising from the above Minutes.

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Chair reported that the completed Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted to Middlesbrough Council who in turn will put it out for public consultation – a 6-week period commencing 5 July. An Inspector will be appointed, who will arrange for a referendum for local residents after which Middlesbrough Council will vote, taking into account the referendum result, on the plan which if successful will then be incorporated into the Middlesbrough Council Local Plan.
- b) **Roadside Speed Display Unit** – Cllr Neale updated members regarding his research and communications with relevant parties surrounding the purchase and installation of one or more road-side speed display units. It was agreed by members that the parish council should go ahead with the Unipart Dorman unit - V6AGLBH and accompanying solar power kit. The purchase and installation of two units would be £6,397.00. (£3,198.50 each, excluding VAT.) Prior to any decision to purchase, Cllr Coupe is to contact Mayor Preston, to confirm the costs and availability of funds from his office to purchase units alongside any investment by the Stainton and Thornton Parish Council.
- c) **Parking Issues – Hemlington Road** – PCSO Mike Fenwick has been liaising with Middlesbrough Council about possible road markings on Hemlington Road to prevent the inconsiderate parking of motor vehicles which obstruct the free passage for other vehicles using Hemlington Road. Meanwhile, Middlesbrough Council Enforcement Team will be visiting the area and ticketing offending vehicles in the main areas of concern – outside the two shops and around the Church Close junction.
- d) **Re-siting of Bus Stops** – Cllr. Coupe reported this matter is still ongoing. Consultation by Middlesbrough Council with residents along Hemlington Road and Meldyke Terrace has yet to

take place. Cllr. Dennison reported that the unkempt hedgerow down the west side of Strait Lane was obstructing vision for people standing at the bus stop at the bottom of Strait Lane causing them to step into the road to see if a bus was coming.

- e) **Village Newsletter** – It was agreed that the quarterly newsletter should resume publication in September when hopefully meetings of the Community Council will also resume. The difficulties of delivering the newsletter to the houses in the new developments at Hemlington Grange was highlighted. The possibility of engaging a company distribution service to be looked in to. Cllr. Cooper will edit the newsletter.
- f) **Risk Assessments** – The annual risk assessments on parish council assets have been completed by Cllrs. Conroy and Liddle.
- g) **Defibrillator** – Clerk reported that the communication problems with N.E.A.S. whenever the defibrillator (sited on the wall of the Memorial Hall) was deployed had now been resolved. The defibrillator guardian (Clerk) gets notified by N.E.A.S. by email of its use and the equipment is marked ‘out of service’ until the guardian confirms the defibrillator is ready again for use.
- h) **Housing developments – Elderwood Park and Ashfield Park.** – A new development phase near to the Police Community Hub on Hemlington Grange Way has commenced. This road, when completed will exit onto the Stokesley Road and Stainton Way.

55/21. The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council.

1. The following magazines are on circulation to Parish Councillors: Clerk & Councils Direct, The Clerk.
2. NALC circulars and information received from CLCA have been forwarded to all councillors where appropriate.
3. Financial Statement **22.6.21.**

Balance at 1.4.21. **£8810.24**

Income since last meeting: **£10595.00** (Precept and Council Tax Support Grant)

Expenditure since last meeting: **£1872.83.** - Approval required.

Balance at 20.6.21. **£17269.41**

Date:	Payee.	Reason .	Cheque No.	Amount.
23.4.21.	Info. Commissioner	GDPR renewal	495	40.00
27.4.21.	Baines Jewitt	Pro. Services	496	40.80
27.4.21.	RCTW	Internal Audit	497	30.00
29.4.21.	J.Holmes	Salary (April)	498	248.61
26.2.21.	HMRC	PAYE (April)	499	62.00
8.5.21.	CLCA	LCR subs.	500	17.00
8.5.21.	CLCA	Membership Fee	501	322.84
8.5.21.	Came & Co.	Insurance	502	613.97
25.5.21.	C.Cutler	Website (April/May)	503	90.00
31.5.21.	J.Holmes	Salary (May)	504	248.41

31.5.21.	HMRC	PAYE (May)	505	<u>62.20</u>
				1775.83
Unpresented cheques				
13.6.21.	B. Chapman.	Plants	506	40.00
13.6.21.	A. Conroy	Signs KGG	507	<u>57.00</u>
				97.00

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved.

Northumbria Water have eventually read the meter for water supply to the field next to KGG and have issued a credit of £70.78

The Accessibility Regulations now creates additional work on the website to make it compliant, which is outside of the scope of our website hosting package. Additional costs may be incurred.

56/21. Committee Reports

PLANNING ISSUES – Cllr. Liddle

21/0064/COU. Whimsey Nook, Stainton Way. TS8 9DF. - Retrospective extension to residential curtilage with boundary fencing and wall to front. – Due to be heard at next Planning Meeting at Middlesbrough Council. Cllr. Dennison has objected to this application.

ENVIRONMENT – Cllr. Coupe

Stainton Beck – Pollution at Kell Gate Green. – Following the siting of appropriate warning signs Kell Gate Green has now re-opened to the public. (see Minute 28/21). Currently the water levels in the beck are low, the water clear and there is no odour. Middlesbrough Council had agreed to test the water again in late spring/early summer and it was agreed that it would be appropriate for the test to be taken now. Cllr. Coupe to liaise with Middlesbrough Council.

However, the situation remains unchanged and the matter is unresolved. Toxic substances are still being discharged into the beck from the treatment plants at the 2 properties in the grounds of Stainton House. Connecting the properties to the main sewer system would solve the pollution problem but the cost of such work is prohibitive to the homeowners. Nevertheless, the responsibility to rectify the problem lies with the owners of the properties involved.

Middlesbrough Council who approved the planning applications (M/FP/0916/07/P) in 2007 and the Environment Agency are fully aware of the current situation but are not forthcoming in explaining what actions, if any, they intend to take. Frustrated at the lack of response from all parties the Parish Council decided to refer the matter to the relevant ombudsman in an effort to resolve the issue.

Resolved: Parish Council to write to local Member of Parliament requesting the matter be referred to the relevant ombudsman.

Replacement Planters – Cllr. Liddle reported that the large wooden planter at Thornton T junction had rotted and had to be removed. Barrel planters along Seamer Road could be re-sited at the T junction subject to approval from the Environment Committee. Cllr. Coupe to convene a meeting of the committee in the near future.

Boot Scrapers – An original suggestion from Cllr. Dennison will now be taken onboard by the Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces.

Public Right of Way – Wynd to Low Lane. Cllr. Coupe reported that the Footpaths Officer from Middlesbrough Council had recently visited the area following a complaint of obstruction of the public right of way footpath on land near the Five Acres property which the ROW footpath crosses. The Footpaths Officer is going to write to the Five Acres residents explaining their obligations about keeping the public right of way clear and maintained, including a stile which needs repair.

CRIME & DISORDER – Cllr. Neale.

Crime statistics - are now being received from the police monthly. During the month of May, 39 crimes were reported the highest number for over 12 months. Whilst the information provided is appreciated a little more supporting information around the figures would help us to fully understand what is happening in our area, thus being in an informed position to notify our community members and indeed support the police in any relevant message they want us to pass on, e.g., Crime Prevention messages.

Clerk will liaise with PCSO Fenwick regarding future information.

Rural Resilience – PC 1484 Andy Hampson, Engagement Team, Cleveland Police has contacted the Parish Council regarding issues of dogs, out of control, attacking horses and rural crime in the form of poaching. This was occurring on the rights of way which go through the Pennyman land part of which is within our parish area. The officer asks that we inform residents to use the rights of way whilst keeping to the countryside code. He will also be preparing an information message in relation to recent incidents for circulation via the Clerk.

57/21. Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces – Cllr. Liddle reported that the Friends Thursday Group were now back out on a regular basis cutting and strimming in the Quarry and Kell Gate Green. They had also undertaken a programme of refurbishment on noticeboards and seats. With the easing of covid restrictions it was hoped the quarterly FSTGS meetings will resume.

58/21. Cleveland Local Councils Association – Weekly circulations of emails continue to be forwarded to councillors where relevant. There has been no indication of when meetings will resume.

59/21. Footpath 3 Strait Lane – Cllr. Dean highlighted an area outside 3 Strait Lane that would benefit from being repaired, replacing grass with tarmac. Currently the grassed area was rutted, unsightly and dangerous to pedestrians. He identified a 2 metre strip from the end of the present footpath to the start of the dropped kerb, believed to be Middlesbrough Council land, as the area of concern. Cllr. Coupe to liaise with the appropriate department at Middlesbrough Council.

60/21. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 10 August. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9pm.

Agreed and signed as a true record Date

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